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Latest News

House Democrats Press Wheeler For Answers On EPA's Declining Staffing

Democratic appropriators in the House are pressing EPA chief Andrew Wheeler on what he is doing to shore up the agency's workforce, expressing concerns that agency leadership is not maintaining staff at levels allowed by prior funding laws and that staff departures are jeopardizing environmental protection.

Democrats Charge EPA Shift Of IRIS Staff To TSCA Violates Spending Law

Democratic appropriators are urging EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler to restore the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program's scaled-back agenda and return staff that had been shifted to the toxics office, charging their redirection amounts to a cut to the IRIS budget in violation of congressional appropriations.

Critics Urge Court To Vacate EPA's Rejection Of Ozone Transport Petitions

Delaware, Maryland and environmental groups are urging the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to vacate EPA's rejection of petitions the states filed asking the agency to impose ozone-reduction measures on pollution sources beyond the states' boundaries, saying in opening briefs the decision is based on flawed data.

Final SAB 'Advice' To EPA On Biomass CO2 Conflicts With Agency Policy

EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) has completed its long-pending advice to EPA on calculating biomass carbon dioxide emissions from smokestacks after accounting for forest regrowth, reaching conclusions at odds with agency policy and unable to endorse a cohesive framework for how to assess the emissions.

EPA Transportation Chief Promises 'In-Use' Focus For Truck NOx Standard

The head of EPA's transportation office is promising a "laser" focus on "in-use" reductions in nitrogen oxides (NOx) from heavy-duty trucks when the agency develops new standards for the sector next year, suggesting the rule will focus less on new vehicle design standards and more on how vehicles actually perform in practice.

Inslee Blasts GOP Calls For 'Global' Climate Action, Citing Paris Departure

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee (D), who is running a climate-focused 2020 presidential campaign, is criticizing Republicans for simultaneously highlighting the need for greater global action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, especially in developing countries, while also backing President Donald Trump's decision to leave the Paris Agreement.

Daily Feed

Bipartisan House group seeks DOD funding boost for PFAS cleanups

The PFAS Task Force is urging appropriators to provide "robust" funding to remediate PFAS contamination at both active and closed military bases.

Court questions ability to hear some claims in CWA 401 case

Washington state moves one step closer to fending off challenges to its decision blocking construction of a coal export terminal, a decision that GOP officials say shows why states CWA authority should be curtailed.

New air office deputy draws mixed reactions

Industry officials say Anne Idsal, the the former Region 6 administrator, is someone who can "get it done," highlighting environmentalists fears that she will help top Trump officials be more effective.

Ewire: Shell to drop AFPM membership over climate stance

In today's Ewire: The world's second-largest oil and gas company found "material misalignment" on climate issues with the refining group, though it is remaining part of larger groups despite finding "some misalignment."

North Carolina strengthens region's push for strict coal ash controls

The state is ordering Duke Energy to excavate its remaining coal ash impoundments in the state, illustrating a growing trend of stringent state requirements.

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